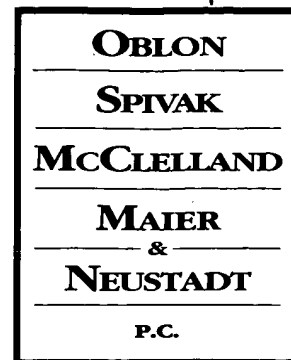


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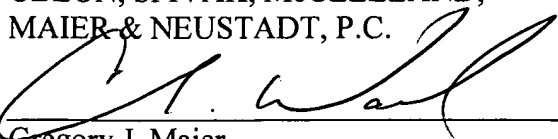
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In response to the Election of Species requirement dated September 8, 2006, the Applicants provisionally elect Species IV corresponding to Claims 10 and 11. Additionally, Claims 1-5 have been indicated as being generic.

The Applicants note that MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

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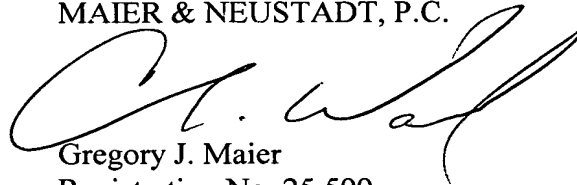
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The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the outstanding Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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